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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): An accessory for wild birds formed from a plurality of ceramic clay flowerpots disposed in preselected relation to each other, the accessory comprising:

a receptacle formed from a first ceramic clay flowerpot, the receptacle defining an interior and having a first end and a second end and a continuous side wall of the receptacle extending between the first end and the second end of the receptacle, the continuous side wall having a plurality of through openings of preselected sizes disposed at preselected ~~positions; and~~ positions;

a top formed of a second ceramic clay flowerpot positioned coaxially and adjacent to the first end of the receptacle and opening downwardly, said second flowerpot being connected to the first flowerpot forming the ~~accessory;~~ accessory; and

a bottom formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot and disposed in an upright position for normal use of the accessory at the second end of the receptacle said bottom being connected to at least one of the top and the receptacle.

2. (Previously Presented): The accessory of claim 1, wherein the top is disposed in position for normal use of the accessory at the first end of the receptacle to provide a cover for the accessory.

3. (Previously Presented): The accessory of claim 2, wherein the top includes a ceramic clay flowerpot saucer inverted over the first end of the receptacle.

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4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended): The accessory ~~of claim 4~~, of claim 1, wherein the bottom includes a third ceramic clay flowerpot saucer.

6. (Currently Amended): The accessory ~~of claim 4~~, of claim 1, wherein the bottom includes a third ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a cactus pot.

7. (Withdrawn): The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom includes a third ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a muffin pot.

8. (Withdrawn): The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom includes a third ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a bell pot.

9. (Previously Presented): The accessory of claim 1, wherein at least some of the through openings are disposed, spaced apart from one another, around the perimeter of the receptacle and serve to enhance airflow through the accessory.

10. (Currently Amended): The accessory ~~of claim 4~~, of claim 1, wherein the bottom has at least one drainage hole to prevent buildup of water inside the interior.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 1, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and wherein the plurality of through openings in the sidewall includes an opening

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which is larger than the others of said plurality of through openings and which is sized and placed for facile access to and egress from the interior of the receptacle by a bird.

16. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 15, wherein said larger through opening is sized and placed appropriately for access by a bluebird.

17. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 15, wherein said larger opening is sized and placed appropriately for access by a wren.

18. (Currently Amended): The accessory of ~~claim 15~~, of claim 1, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and the receptacle is disposed in an upside-down position, and ~~includes a bottom formed of a fifth ceramic clay flowerpot wherein the bottom of the accessory is formed of a bell pot connected to a depending end portion of the receptacle~~ the bottom has at least an upper portion within a lower portion of the receptacle forming an airflow space therebetween adjacent the lower portion of the receptacle.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 1, wherein the accessory has exterior surfaces and certain of the exterior surfaces of the accessory are made waterproof.

25. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 24, wherein the accessory is provided with a silicone coating, on certain of the exterior surfaces thereof.

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26. (Cancelled).